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LORD HOME, APPEARING BEFORE NATIONAL COMMITTEE INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EVENING OCTOBER 23, MADE PLAIN SPOKEN CONDEMNATION RUSSIA'S "ACT OF POWER" IN CUBA. SPEECH WAS PARTIALLY TELEVISED BY BBC AND ITV TO ESTIMATED 21 MILLION AUDIENCE AND WIDELY CARRIED BY PRESS.

IN VERY FIRM BUT REASSURING MANNER HE PLACED ACTION IN CONTEXT "OPPORTUNIST" AND "TWO FACED" NATURE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNISM. HE CALLED FOR COUNTRIES THROUGH UN TO INSIST "DOUBLE-DEALING CEASE NOW... NEUTRALISM NO GUARANTEE OF SAFETY AS INDIANS LEARNING... COMMUNISTS MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO FILCH AWAY FREE TERRITORY FROM FREE MEN. WHEN THEY TRY TO DO THAT WE MUST BE FIRM. WE SHALL SUPPORT US IN SECURITY COUNCIL SO AS TRY BRING DANGER THIS PARTICULAR AREA UNDER CONTROL."

LORD HOME THEN STATED THAT WHILE REACTION TO "DOUBLE-HANDED" COMMUNISTS MUST ALWAYS BE STEADFAST, "IT IS OUR DUTY... TO SEARCH FOR AREAS OF AGREEMENT AND TO PRACTICE CONCILIATION IN OUR DEALINGS WITH RUSSIA... IMMEDIATELY RUSSIA SETTLES DOWN TO NEGOTIATE WITH SINCERITY SHE WILL FIND THE MOST READY RESPONSE FROM OUR GOVERNMENT. PRESIDENT OF US CLEARLY LOOKING FORWARD TO... NEGOTIATIONS WHICH ARE GENUINE."

SPEECH EVIDENTLY WELL RECEIVED BY BRITISH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AUDIENCE. NO PRESS COMMENT MADE AND INDICATIONS PUBLIC ATTITUDE NOT YET AVAILABLE.

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